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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF

SUN HUN LEE, D.M.D. LICENSE NO. 19772

LICENSED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY: IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY:

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey Board of Dentistry ("the Board") upon receipt of a patient complaint from T.W. regarding treatment rendered by Sun Hee Lee ("respondent") on teeth #18 and #19 and follow-up care for pain in the same area of the mouth.

On February 16, 2000, respondent appeared with counsel, Mr. Arthur Linderman, at an investigative inquiry into the matter held by the Board.

Having reviewed the entire record, and having heard the testimony of respondent at the investigative inquiry, it appears to the Board that the treatment rendered was below the standard of

care for dental practice in New Jersey. Specifically, the root canals on teeth #18 and #19 were filled short of the apex and the crowns were inadequate. Additionally, respondent failed to keep adequate records in that she failed to take and maintain all appropriate x-rays. This conduct constitutes repeated acts of negligence and provides the basis for discipline pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d) and (h) and N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.7 (a).

It now appears that respondent wishes to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and the Board is satisfied that it can conclude this matter at this time in a manner which adequately protects the public.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ON THIS 4 DAY OF October, 2000 HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- 1. Respondent shall complete 35 hours of continuing education in addition to the 40 hours required for the 1999-2001 renewal period. Fourteen hours of the 35 shall be in "hands on" crown and bridge and the remaining 21 hours in "hands on" basic and molar endodontics. These courses must be pre-approved by the Board (see course approval sheet attached) and proof of attendance must be submitted to the Board upon completion of the course-work (see attendance sheet attached). The 35 hours of continuing education shall be completed by February 28, 2001.
- 2. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$500.00 for the record keeping violation. Payment shall be made by certified check or money order, made payable to the State of New

Jersey and sent to Kevin Earle, Executive Director, State Board of Dentistry, 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, P.O. Box 45005, Newark, New Jersey 07101, contemporaneously with respondent's signing of this Consent Order.

- 3. Respondent shall pay restitution to T.W. in the amount of \$2,170.00 for the inadequate root canals and crowns. A certified check or money order made payable to T.W. shall be sent contemporaneously with the signing of this Consent Order to Kevin Earle, Executive Director, State Board of Dentistry, at the address above.
- 4. Respondent shall pay the costs associated with the investigation of this matter in the amount \$43.84 contemporaneously with the signing of this Consent Order. Payment shall be made by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and sent to Kevin Earle, Executive Director, State Board of Dentistry, at the address above.

NEW JERSEY BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Barbara Rich, D.D.S., President

I have read and understand the terms of this Consent Order and agree to be bound by the terms. I agree to the entry of this Order.

Dr. Sun Hee Lee, D.M.D.